Territories, about 12 crores children have been targeted for coverage under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for which Rs. 3010.76 crores have been allocated.

(b) and (c) No. Only some stray instances are reported from time to time caused on account of lack of proper precaution with regard to hygiene and cleanliness.

(d) and (e) Cooked mid-day meal, prepared with due regard to hygiene, wholesomeness and nutrition has distinct advantages over cash incentive which is liable to be used for purposes other than nutrition.

Report on expenditure on education

784. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to raise public spending on education has given its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of decisions taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Report has been received. It has quantified the funds requirement for education sector so as to reach the public expenditure on education to the level of 6% of GDP. The report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Vision document of the technical institutions

785. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven technical institutions selected for the upgradation to the status of the existing NTs had submitted their "vision documents" around eight-months back;

(b) if so, the reaction of AICTE panel on these documents; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The seven institutions selected for upgradation to the level of NTs have submitted their vision documents. Since the Vision Documents submitted by the seven identified Institutions needed further examination, an Expert Committee was constituted by the Ministry to examine the vision Documents and give necessary suggestions to meet the goals and suggest Plan of Action for upgrading the identified Institutions to the level of NTs. The Committee has recently submitted its report.

Seasonal changes in mid-day meals

786. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no seasonal changes are made in the mid-day meals served in the schools all over the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) The details of schools, aided, non-aided etc., where mid-day meals are being served in Delhi;

(d) whether it is a fact that only rice is being served in the schools run by MCD and NDMC in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the reasons for serving rice in winter and the action proposed to be taken to serve seasonal and more nutritional diet in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Guidelines of Mid-day Meal Scheme stipulate, *inter-alia,* that menu of the mid-day meal should, as far as, possible vary from day-do-day. Many States are already providing varied mid-day meal. States are constantly being exhorted to make the meal balanced, varied, wholesome, and hygienic.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the position regarding number of schools covered in 2005-06 is as under:—